Grand Royal Arch Chapter.

1835.

ANNUAL MEETING.

The Annual Meeting of the M.E. Grand Royal Arch Chapter of Massachusetts, was held at the Masonic Temple, on Tuesday evening, September 8th, A. L. 5835.

PRESENT:

M.E. EDWARD A. RAYMOND,	Grand High Priest.
E. GARDNER RUGGLES,	Deputy Grand High Priest.
" WILLIAM WHITING,	Grand King.
" SIMON W. ROBINSON,	Grand Scribe.
" ELIAS HASKELL,	Grand Treasurer, *pro tem.*
" SAMUEL HOWE,	Grand Secretary.
" JOHN R. BRADFORD,	Grand Marshal.
Rev. EDWARD T. TAYLOR,	Grand Chaplain.
E. ELIJAH ATHERTON, " GILBERT NURSE,	Grand Lecturers.
" ENOCH HOBART, " ROBERT KEITH,	Committee of Finance.
" CHAS. W. MOORE, " JOHN HEWS,	Committee of Charity.
" LEMUEL GAY,	Grand Steward.
" JOSIAH BALDWIN,	Grand Tyler.

Members.

Rev. PAUL DEAN,	E. DAN'L L. GIBBENS.
Hon. JOHN ABBOT,	" JOHN J. LORING.

The following Chapters were represented, viz:—St. Andrew's, St. Paul's, Adoniram, and Mount Zion.

The Grand Chapter was opened in ancient form.

The records of the last meeting were read and approved.

The Committee of Correspondence reported progress, and had further time granted. As did also the Committee on Bethlehem Chapter.

The Committee on dispensing with the printing of the Proceedings of the Grand Chapter, and calling a list of the Chapters at our several meetings, reported, and said report was recommitted to the same Committee.

The Committee of Finance made the following report, which was accepted.

The Committee of Finance of the Grand Royal Arch Chapter of Massachusetts, in pursuance of the By-Laws, ask leave to sub mit their annual report:—

They find that the books of the Grand Secretary are kept in a correct manner. They recommend that the sum of $20 be given him for his services the past year.

The Treasurer had in his hands on settlement of his last account, the sum of	$560 42
And has received the past year, ...	52 00
Making	$612 42
He has paid sundry bills against the Grand Chapter, for which he has exhibited the proper vouchers,	137 08
Leaving a balance in his hands carried to new account,	475 34
	$612 42

The Treasurer declines receiving any compensation for his services. The account current of this officer is herewith submitted, and makes a part of this report.

Respectfully submitted.

ELIAS HASKELL,
ENOCH HOBART,
ROBERT KEITH,
} *Committee of Finance.*

On motion, *Voted*, That the Grand Chapter resolve itself into a Committee of the whole for the election of officers. Comp. Paul Dean was called to the chair.

Comps. Daniel Harwood, Nathaniel Blake, and Francis R. Bigelow, were appointed a Committee to collect, sort and declare the votes.

The votes being taken, the following companions were re-elected to the offices set against their names, viz:

M.E. EDWARD A. RAYMOND, . .	Grand High Priest.
E. WILLIAM WHITING, . . .	Grand King.
" SIMON W. ROBINSON, . . .	Grand Scribe.
" ABRAHAM A. DAME, . . .	Grand Treasurer.
" SAMUEL HOWE, ...	Grand Secretary.

The Committee of the whole rose and reported the foregoing elections, which were approved by the Grand Chapter.

The following appointments were then made by the Grand High Priest, viz:

E. GARDNER RUGGLES, Esq., of Barre,	Dep. G. High Priest.
Rev. Dr. EZRA RIPLEY of Concord,	Grand Chaplains.
" SEBASTIAN STREETER of Boston,	
" EDWARD T. TAYLOR of Boston,	
" SETH ALDEN of Marlboro,	
E. JOHN R. BRADFORD, . .	Grand Marshal.

E. Elijah Atherton, " Gilbert Nurse, . . Grand Lecturers.
" Elias Haskell, " Enoch Hobart, " Robert Keith, . . Committee of Finance.
Comp. Michael Roulstone, " Charles W. Moore, " John Hews, Committee on Charity.
" Lemuel Gay, " Samuel Wales, Grand Stewards.
" Josiah Baldwin, . . Grand Tyler.

Proclamation was then made by the Grand Marshal, that the Grand Chapter of Massachusetts was duly organized for the ensuing year.

On motion, *Voted*, That the Grand Treasurer be authorized to pay to the Treasurer of the Boston Masonic Board of Relief, their proportion of the donations that may be made the ensuing year.

On motion, *Voted*, That the expenses of the delegation from this Grand Chapter to the meeting of the General Grand Chapter of the United States at Washington, in December next, be paid from the funds of this Grand Chapter.

On motion, *Voted*, That the Grand Chapter hold an adjourned meeting on the first Tuesday in January next.

Parts of lectures were given on the Mark and Royal Arch degrees, and the Grand Chapter was closed in ancient form.

Attest,

SAMUEL HOWE,
Grand Secretary.

STATED COMMUNICATION.

At a Stated Communication of the M.E. Grand Royal Arch Chapter of Massachusetts, at the Masonic Temple, on Tuesday evening, December 8th, A. L. 5835.

Present:

E. Edwin Barnes. . . Grand High Priest, *pro tem.*
" Gilbert Nurse, . . Grand King, *pro tem.*
" Elias Haskell, . . Grand Scribe, *pro tem.*
" Abraham A. Dame, . Grand Treasurer.
" Samuel Howe, . . Grand Secretary.
" John R. Bradford, . Grand Marshal.
" Samuel Wales, . . Grand Steward.
Comp. Josiah Baldwin, . . Grand Tyler.

E. Nathaniel Blake, E. Jonathan Ames.

Member.—E. Robert Lash.

The following Chapters were represented, viz:—St. Andrew's, St. Paul's, Adoniram, and Mount Zion.

The Grand Chapter was opened in ancient form.

The records of the last meeting were read and approved.

On motion, *Voted*, That this Grand Chapter do now adjourn until the first Tuesday of January next.

Parts of lectures were given on the Mark and Royal Arch degrees, and the Grand Chapter was closed in due form.

Attest,

SAMUEL HOWE,
Grand Secretary.

ADJOURNED MEETING.

At an Adjourned Meeting of the M.E. Grand Royal Arch Chapter of Massachusetts, at the Masonic Temple, Tuesday evening, January 5th, A. L. 5836.

PRESENT:

M.E. EDWARD A. RAYMOND, . Grand High Priest.
E. SIMON W. ROBINSON, . Grand King, *pro tem.*
" LEMUEL GAY, . . . Grand Scribe, *pro tem.*
" JOHN R. BRADFORD, . Grand Marshal.
" ROBERT KEITH, . . Committee of Finance.
Comp. SAMUEL WALES, . . Grand Steward.
" JOSIAH BALDWIN, . . Grand Tyler.

Comp. NATH'L BLAKE, Comp. JACOB AMEE,
" FRANCIS R. BIGELOW, " EDWIN BARNES.

Member.—E. PAUL DEAN.

The following Chapters were represented, viz: — St. Andrew's, St. Paul's, and Mount Zion.

The Grand Chapter was opened in due form.

The records of the last meeting were read and approved.

The Committee of Correspondence reported, that measures had been taken to complete their duty, which was accepted, and further time granted.

The Committee on Bethlehem Chapter reported progress, and had further time granted.

The delegation of this Grand Chapter to the meeting of the General Grand Chapter at Washington, gave a brief history of their doings, which was both pleasing and satisfactory.

Parts of lectures were given on the Mark and Royal Arch degrees, and the Grand Chapter was closed in ancient form.

Attest,

SAMUEL HOWE,
Grand Secretary.

STATED COMMUNICATION.

At a Stated Communication of the M.E. Grand Royal Arch Chapter of Massachusetts, at the Masonic Temple, Tuesday evening, June 7th, A. L. 5836.

PRESENT:

M.E. EDWARD A. RAYMOND, . Grand High Priest.
E. SIMON W. ROBINSON, . Grand King, *pro tem.*
" JOHN B. HAMMATT, . . Grand Scribe, *pro tem.*
" ELIAS HASKELL, . . Grand Treasurer, *pro tem.*
" SAMUEL HOWE, . . Grand Secretary.
" JOHN R. BRADFORD, . Grand Marshal.
" ELIJAH ATHERTON, . . Grand Lecturer.
" ROBERT KEITH, . . Committee of Finance.
" CHARLES W. MOORE, . Committee on Charity.
Comp. SAMUEL WALES, . . Grand Steward.
" JOSIAH BALDWIN, . . Grand Tyler.

Member.—E. PAUL DEAN.

Visiters.

Comp. SAMUEL GRAGG, Comp. WILLIAM BITTLE,
" SAMUEL EVELETH, " FRANCIS R. BIGELOW,
" CHAS. WILLIAMS, " CHAS. H. BARTON,
Comp. BENJAMIN J. LEEDS.

The following Chapters were represented, viz:— St. Andrew's, and Mount Zion.

The Grand Chapter was opened in due form, and several visiters admitted by vote.

The records of the last meeting were read and approved.

The Committee on Correspondence reported, by their agent, Gardner Ruggles, Esq., they had received the Charter of Franklin Chapter, which report was accepted and ordered to be placed on file.

On motion, *Voted*, That the Grand Secretary address a letter to the individuals of the several Chapters named in Comp. Ruggles' report, requesting them to return their Charters.

The Committee on Bethlehem Chapter reported, and on motion, *Voted*, That further time be granted them.

An invitation was received from a Committee of Saint John's Lodge in Portsmouth, N. H., requesting this Grand Chapter to join them in the centennial celebration of the establishment of their Lodge on the 24th instant.

On motion, *Voted*, That this Grand Chapter accept their invitation, and that it be placed on file.

E. Comp. Dean offered the following resolutions, which on motion, were unanimously adopted.

Resolved, That in the death of the Hon. Edward Livingston, the great cause of liberty, learning and humanity, has lost a distinguished benefactor and an able advocate.

Resolved, That the Masonic Fraternity, in all its branches and Convocations, has been called to part with one of its most illustrious friends and brightest ornaments.

That the circle of domestic friendship and happiness has been invaded by the deepest sorrow, and overspread by the mantle of unaffected grief.

That while this Grand Chapter joins his family and friends in heartily lamenting his demise, it respectfully asks leave to offer them the testimonials of most friendly sympathy and condolence in their deeper and more heartfelt affliction; and feelingly to advert to our mutual obligations to offer ascriptions of devout gratitude to that merciful Providence which has sustained him to the full measure of his days, usefulness and glory.

Resolved, That the members will wear crape, and that the Chapter be put in mourning for three months, as a tribute of respect for the memory of our deceased brother, and that an attested copy of these proceedings and resolutions, be forwarded to his bereaved family.

Done this 7th day of June, A. D. 1836.

Voted, That Comp. Dean, with the Council of this Grand Chapter, be appointed to forward the resolutions to the family of said deceased.

Parts of lectures were given on the Mark and Royal Arch degrees, and the Grand Chapter closed in ancient form.

Attest,

SAMUEL HOWE,
Grand Secretary.